Committee

ON

Public Morals, Rom. Ch.

and Infidelity

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Records

Of the Committee

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Romish Church

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Infidelity

Theological Seminary

Princeton N. J.

Note. The Com. on the Rom. Cath. was united with the Committees on Infidelity & Public morals agreeably to a resolution passed by the So. of Inquiry April 24. 1838.

A new Constitution was reported by a Com. Consisting of one member from each of the three Committees & was adopted July 31. 1838.

For a Complete list of the subjects for Conversation & questions for debate from the organization of the Com. See "Hand Book" ——

Minutes

of the FIRST meeting of the
Committee on the Romish Church.

NOVEMBER 26. 1832.

In discharging the duty imposed upon them by the late Officers of the So. of Ing. Brothers

Clark

Mack &

Curtis

met & in the absence of their Colleagues, Brothers

Boardman &

Lovejoy

proceeded to organize themselves into a "Committee on the Romish Church". The following were adopted as the rules of the Committee.

1. There shall be a Chairman & Sec. who shall be Chosen annually at the last meeting of the Summer Session.
2. The Com. shall meet Stately on the evenings of the 3d & 4th Thursdays of every month immediately after Speaking
3. At every regular meeting of the Com. an essay (the reading of which shall occupy not more than half an hour) shall be read by one of the members, in alphabetical order.
4. Members shall be elected by Ballot.
5. Every meeting of the Com. shall be opened with prayer.

Bro. MACK was elected Chairman.

Bro. CURTIS " " Secretary

The following Individuals were elected Members of the Com.

J. B. Adger. McEwen & Woodward.

Note.

1. The first Constitution or regulations of the Ecom. on the Roman. ish Church was adopted Nov. 22d. 1832

2. The 2d. Const. was presented by a Com. (one member from each of the committees, Pub. Morals: Rom. Ch. & Infidelity) & was adopted July 31. 1838.

Mitchell: Wilson & Reese Committee

3. The 3d. Const. was adopted January 13. 1842.

Greer & Dodge Committee

4. The 4th. was adopted May 1844

French: Carpenter & Farquhar – Ecom.

5. Another Ecom. was appointed Sept. 25. 1849 – but the names were omitted by the Secretary & the Committee never made a report.

6. A new Constitution (the one opposite) was adopted Nov. 29. 1850.

Pierce Platt & Mattell. Committee

(This record is undoubtedly to be Continued!)

CONSTITUTION

adopted

NOVEMBER 29. 1850.

ARTICLE . I

The particular subjects to which the attention of the Committee shall be directed are "The means employed or plans proposed by Temperance, Prison Discipline, Moral Reform and kindred associations for the improvement of Public Morals; the State of the Romish Church in this & other Countries, its influence on the civil Social & Moral Condition of Communities; with the efforts of Infidels to diffuse their pernicious principles" See Constit. of the So. of Inq. Art 13. Sec 4

ART. 2 —— OFFICERS.

Section. 1st. The Officers of the Com. shall be a Chairman & Secretary, elected annually by ballot at the last meeting of the Term

Section. 2d. — It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all the meetings of the Com. and in his absence a Chairman "pro-tempore" may be appointed.

Section 3d It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the Com. of its meetings & this notice shall in all cases be given at least one Day previous to the Meeting. He shall call the roll at the opening of each meeting, & make

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a correct minute of the proceedings and when approved by the Committee enter it upon the records; he shall also give to those who may be elected members of the Com. written notice of the fact and shall keep a correct list of the members of the Committee from the time of its organization.

ARTICLE 3.

Meetings.

Section. 1. The regular meeting of this Committee shall be held on the last Monday evening in the month.

Section 2 - Extra meetings may be called by the Chairman at the request of two members, of which at least one day's notice shall be given by the Secretary.

Section 3 - Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 4.

Members.

Section 1. The number of Members belonging to this Com. according to the Constitution of the So. of Ing. may not exceed 30.

Section 2. New members may be elected at any regular meeting by a vote of Two-Thirds of the members present.

Section 3 - If any member absent himself from three successive regular meetings of the Com. his name shall be stricken from the roll; he shall be notified of this fact by the Chairman who shall also report his name to the Board of managers at its next regular meeting.

ARTICLE 5 -

Debates.

Section. 1. - A discussion of some question previously selected connected with one of the subjects assigned to this Com. shall be held in the stated meeting in each month; and this discussion shall be opened by two members taken

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from the Roll in Alphabetical Order who shall not be allowed to speak more than Fifteen minutes each.

Section 2 – Not more than one hour shall be devoted to the discussion unless the Com. otherwise direct by a special vote and no member, except the regular disputants shall have the privilege of speaking more than Ten Minutes on the question at one time; nor shall any member speak more than once until all the members have had an opportunity of speaking.

Section 3. — Three members shall be elected by ballot at the first regular meeting of each term to present to the Com. at least three questions from which number the Com. if it see fit may select one for discussion at the ensueing meeting —

ARTICLE 6.

Reports. ~

Section 1. The Monthly reports to the So. of Inquiry shall be made by members elected by ballot at each meeting of the Committee –

Section 2. One, Two or Three members at the discretion of the Com. shall be chosen by ballot at the regular meeting in September to prepare the annual report to be read before the So. of Inquiry in March. Also a member in February to read the Annual essay in ~~Sept~~ December

Section 3. All reports or essays shall be submitted to the Com. for approval before being read in the So. of Inq.

ARTICLE 7.

Order of Exercises

1. Open with prayer.
2. Calling the Roll

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3. Reading the Minutes
4. Excuses to be rendered
5. Election of new Members.
6 Reading the Report or Essay
7 Discussion of the question
8 Information to be Communicated
9 Selection of a question for the next Meeting
10 Election of Reporter
11 Other Elections.
12 Miscellaneous business
13 Adjournment with prayer.

ARTICLE 8.

Section 1. This Constitution shall be read before the Committee at the second regular Meeting of each Term; and every new member not present at that meeting shall be required to read it for himself.

Section 2 - This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a vote of Two Thirds of the members present at a regular Meeting —

Finis -

Constitution .

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OFFICERS of the COMMITTEE

	Chairmen.	Secretaries.
1832-33.	Mack.	H. Curtis & D. P. Junkin
1833-34.	Cross.	D. T. Stewart
1834-35	Boyd	A. Porter
1835-6	Miller	S. G. Speer.
1836-7	Walker & Burris	I. Moule & W. W. Hill
1837-8	Wells	J. Twitchell
1838-9	I. Twichell & Wilson	T. C. Lord & David Teese
1839-40	Allen	James D. Scott
1840-1	Dickinson	Ed. Bittinger.
1841-2	Stratton	Jas. Greer
1842-3	Bittinger	T. W. Sterling & J. G. Moore
1843-4	Dodge	W. H. Green & J. G. Moore
1844-5	I. B. French	I. I. Kenedy, H. B. Bullens & Craven
1845-6	John Farquhar	A. D. Twitchell
1846-7	A. D. Twitchell	Geo. C. Heckman
1847-8	Geo. C. Heckman	Henry Reeves & Geo. D. Stewart
1848-9	Alexander Reid	James A. Orbison
1849-50	William Bishop	D. S. Baker
1850-1	Edward Wall	William C. Catlett.
1851-2	J. A. Seps.	W. C. C. (re-elected)
1852-3	J. M. Platt	J. G. Symmes.
1853-4	J. G. Symmes.	H. G. Hinsdale.
1854-5	L. Westcott	J. A. Nixon
1855-6	Saml C. Gayley	Easall Ferrier
1856-7.	I. L. Kehoe.	Augustus Brodhead.
1857-8	Geo. Nixon	I. Lacey Lorrer.
1858-9	James Little	E. P. Wood & J. W. Kerr

Officers of the Committee (Continued)

MEMBERS' NAMES.

1832.

Adger. James.
Billings
Boardman H. A.
Chipman. R. M.
Clark. A. D.
Cross. A. B.
Curtis N.
* Ely E. P.
Ely S. H.
Floyd. M.
Frary. J. L.
Grundy. R. C.
Hopkins E.
* Lovejoy. E. P.
Mack. N.
* McEwen. Jas.
Miles. M. M.
Schuyler. W. C.
Woodward
Edwards C.

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1833

Boyd. H. H.
Bradford. A. B.
Corps. C. C.
Findley. W.
Gunn L. C.
Henderson D. J.
Junkin D. X.
Porter. Alex.
* Preston. W. R.
McCullough. Jno.
Sheddan. S. S.
Stewart D. S.
Wilson. L. M.

13 — 33

1834

Cole. J. L.
Ernst. F. S.
Ford. J. F.
Helm J. J.
McKee. A. D.
McMullen. R. B.
Miller. W. Y.
Morris. R. D.
Paine. J. C.
Scott. Wm A.
Quillen. C.
Waller. D. J.
Wylie S. G.

13 — 46.

1835

Berry. R. S.
Curran. R.
Hill. Wm. W.
Kennedy D.
Mould. John
Nevin. E. H.
Stuart S. D.
Weeks.

8 — 54.

1836

Bell. W. G.
Bullock. J. J.
Chamberlain J. H.
Crawford. R.
Fisher. S. W.
Hunter Sml.
Reynolds. J. V.
Stonestreet. J.
Stewart D.
Talbot. W. D.
Mitchell J.
Wells. Geo.
* Woodruff. W. B.
Wright. C. W.

14 — 68.

1837-38

Carter. W. B.
Colt S. F.
Damon. S. C.
Davidson. S. S.
Dickson. H. S.
Ewing. C. H.
Forman. C.
Halsey. L. J.
Lord. J. C.
Riddle. W.
Scott. J. D.
Snyder. P.
Teese. D.
Whitham. J. D.
Wilson. S. R.

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1839-40

Allen. A. C.
Beers. H. N.
Bevins
Miller. J. S.

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1840-1

Bittenger E. C.
Carp Robt
Greer Jas
Hunt. Wm. B.
Lyon J. B.
Parkhill C. C.
Stratton Jas. B
Van Landt A. B
Williams J. T
Walsh J. J.

10 – 97.

1841-2-3

Atkinson Jos. M.
Carpenter Hugh S.
Chamberlain H. P.
Christian L. H.
Clelland T. H.
Craig Craig
Dodge R. W
French J. B
Giger Geo. M.
Green W. Henry
Grier M. B
Hepburn S. C.
McCauley C. L.
McMartin P. A.
Moore Jas. G.
Mercer. A. G.
Pierson D. H.
Thatcher Geo. A.
Sterling J. W
Thompson. A. R
Trimble W. W
Brown Hugh A

22 – 119.

1843-4

Dorland Luke
Farquhar John
Kennedy Jas. F.
Stark Oliver P.
Stewart Ed. J.

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1844-5

Andrews, E. B
Bailey W.
Baldwin C. C.
Bullions A. B
Craven Cl. R
David H. J.
Davis J. H
Ellis Edward
Harrison G. J
Lane C. R
Mitchell A. D
Reilly J. A
Richardson R. H
Schenck Add. V. C
Sellers Duncan
Potter Y. C.
* Taylor John.
Vanler Benj.

Williams A. S.
Williams R. S.

20 – 144

1845 – 6

Blain W. J.
Brown T. S.
Carroll J. W.
Gregory C. R.
Gulick J. W
Heckman G. C.
Huntington Leyr.
Tapsley J. W.
Miller Jas. E.
Murphy Thos.
Pinnie P. M.
Reid Alex.
Rogers Joseph
Walker E. G.
Weller H. H.

15 – 159

1846 – 7.

Bradner T. S.
Conover O. M.
Erskine E.
Freeland D. N.
Gibson W. J.
Kling F. L.
Osmond J.
Reeves Henry
Wood Chas.
Young J. R.

10 – 169.

1847 – 8

Baker W. M
Barr Andrew
Burt N. C.
Candor John M.
Moore A. Y.
Moore T. P.
Orbison Jas.
Parsons W. S.
Ramsay J. R.
Simpson G. W
Stewart G. D
Davis H. St.
Baker D. S.

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1848 – 9 –

Bishop. Wm
Farris R. P.
Gaus. S. S.
Mitchell Stuart
Rinker H.
Rittenhouse T. M
Stewart G. R

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1849 – 50

Baker J. F.
Armstrong Hallock
Bunting Robt. T.
Catlett Wm. C.
Clark Orlando
Emerson Edwin
Healy
Lepr Jas. H.
Logan S. C.
Moore T. R.
Wall Edward
Wall T. George
Walch R.
Winters Jacob
Overstreet R. M.
Colmery R.
Cannady J. H. L.

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1850 – 1851

Platt J. M.
Blauvelt Geo.
Staudenmeyer
S. E. Pierce
S. Hodge
Cornelison J. A.
Hughes J.
Watts R.
Barnes.

Names of Members

1850-51. (Contin?)

Davidson John
Butler. G. W.

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Siltner. H. M.
Foote. C. H.
Skillman. C. H.
A. D. L. Jewett.

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1851 — 1852.

Blackburn M. M.
Brown Saml.
Davis P. L.
Life J. H.
Loewenthall Isidore
Miller S. M.
Mc Kee John
R. Mc Mullin
S. H. Mc Mullin
Mosher W. C.
Symmes J. G.
Taylor C.

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1853 — 54

Blauvelt M. S.
Black J. H.
Frothingham
Hayley J. R.
Hodge J. A.
Jennison J. F.
Lockhart E. C.
Manning R. S.
Mills C. R.
Niton J. H.
Pearse J. L.
Plimpton S. T.

12 - 236

1852 — 1853.

Hinsdale. H. G.
Hempstead. Thos.
Batchelder. J. M.
McCauley. T. Jr.
Heberton. E. P.
Kendall. Isaac. N.
Westcott. L.
Junkin. W. L.

1854 — 5

De Veuve A.
House William
Ferrier Edsall
Gordon J. Smith
Malcolm C. K.
Symmes F. M
Taylor A. A. C.
Powell W
Fire L. S.
Lewis J. W.

Names of Members.

1855-6

H. J. Alexander.
Augustus Brodhead.
J. Henry Buntis.
John L. Kehoe.
George Nixon.
Samuel McElhinny.
Henry Willard.
C. W. Stewart.
R. A. Renz.
A. G. Smouton.
J. C. Thompson.
David McLaren 12 — 208

1856-7

Alexander H. C.
Alexander A.
Baker L. C.
Clarke Chs. R.
Corbiels L. V.
Cunningham Wm.
Davies W. C.
Jackson Shelson
Lee H. F.
Little Jas.
Lower J. L.
Noer W.
Post. H. A.
Singleton H. L.
Taylor H. H. 15 — 273.

Names of Members.

57-58

58-59

W Alexander
M Briggs
T Carter
S T Carter
S B Dodd
Daniel Davies
I W Elliott
Gregory
J Gibson
C R Hart
W W Hodge
W A Johns
J W Kerr
W F Lee
S O Lee
J Little
D V Moore
J McElroy Jr
L Prince
Sm. Pb
Wood E P
Singleton

Names of Members

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MINUTES.

Oratory Friday evening
Aug. 30. 1850

The Committee met and as there was no quorum adjourned to Tuesday evening.

C. Wall chairman — William C. Cattell Sec.

Mason Library
Sept. 3. 1850

Com. met & was opened with prayer by Brother Gano. The following gentlemen were then proposed & elected members of the Com.

Messrs. Platt
Blauvelt
Staudenmeyer

As there were no few members present, the Com. adjourned to Thursday Sept. 5. — 12 A. M. Closed with prayer by Bro. Baker

Overstreet Sec. Pro Tem.

No. 47. Sept. 5. 12. A. M.

Com. met in Bro. Overstreet's room & was opened with prayer by W. C. Cattell. Absent

Bunting Clark Emerson
Gano Epps Moore
J. Wall Platt Nannys

The discussion of the Question was omitted.

The following was selected for our next meeting:-

"Is the Spirit of Romanism hostile to our

Republican institutions?" affirmative J. Baker.
Negative Bunting. The following Gentlemen were
appointed a Com. to report questions for this
Session Overstreet, Baker & Blauvelt.
Reporter for the next month C. Wall — Closed
with prayer by Bro. Blauvelt.

C. Wall Chr. W. C. Cattell Sec.

Friday evening. Sept. 27. 1850

Com. met in the Oratory — prayer by Bro. Overstreet
Absent:— Bunting & Moore — S.E. Pierce was elected —
Bro. C. Wall made a report which was unanimously
adopted & ordered to be presented to the So. of
Enquiry at its next meeting — Question for the
evening was discussed & the following was chosen
for the next meeting "Should Moral reforms with-
out a religious basis be encouraged?"

Aff. Bunting. Neg. Cattell

It was unanimously resolved that a Com. be appoin-
ted to revise the Canons &c of the Committee with
power to purchase a new Record book. The Chair
appointed Messrs Pierce, Platt & Cattell.

Reporter for next meeting J. Wall

C. Wall Chr. in W. C. Cattell Sec.

Friday October 25. 1850

The Committee met in the Oratory. On motion Bro. Pepe was called to the chair, the chairman (E. Wall) being absent. Prayer by Bro. Overstreet

Absent:— Baker.— Moore.— E. Wall. I. Wall.

Bro. I. Wall being absent there was no report.

The following Gentlemen were elected members of the Committee — Messrs. Rodge. S.— Hughes — Carneilson & Watts. — The question was discussed & the following chosen for the next evening.

"ought the christian citizen to obey the Civil Law when in his opinion it conflicts with the laws of God?" — Aff. Clarke. Neg. Laws.

Reporter:— Baker —

E. Wall chairman — W. C. Cattell Sec.

Friday evening Novem. 29. 1850

The Committee met in the oratory & was opened with Prayer.

Absent: Baker; Bunting; I. Wall; Staudenmeyer; Rodge; & Watts — * There was no report owing to the absence of Bro. Baker. On motion it was resolved that Bro. Bake be allowed to present his report to the So. of Inquiry without calling a meeting of the Com. for the purpose of having it read.

The quest. for the evening was then discussed & the following selected for our next meeting; viz.

Should an infidel be allowed to hold an office in a Christian State — aff. Overstreet; negat: Pepe —

* Bro. Barnes was elected a member of the Committee —

The Com. appointed to prepare a new Constitution (Pierce Platt & Cattell Sept. 7) presented their report which was unanimously adopted. The Constitution as reported by them was then adopted by the Com. with one amendment.

On motion it was resolved that the Com. to present the annual report to the So. of Inq. be elected at our next meeting (This Com. according to the Constitution ought to have been elected last September)

Reporter: Bunting —

C. Wall chr'n ——————— W. C. Cattell Sec'y —

There was no meeting during the month of December; so many of the members were away from the Seminary, that a Quorum could not be obtained ——

Monday Evening
January 26. 1857.

Com. met in the Oratory & was opened with prayer by Brother Platt. The Sec'y not being present the roll was called by Bro. Seps. Absent; —

Bunting Clark Westcott Moore J Wall Pierce Hodge Watts Messrs Butler & Davidson were proposed & elected members of the Com. Messrs Plaudenweyer & Baker were excused for absence at the Nov. meeting. The Sec. having made his appearance the minutes of the Nov. meeting were read & adopted.

Bro. Bunting being absent no report was read. The question was then opened for Debate. Bro. Overstreet on the aff. being absent Bro. Platt volunteered in his place & was followed by Bro. Seps on the Neg. after which the question was debated by others with great ability & still greater length.

The following quest. was selected for the next meeting "Are Romish Missions advantageous in preparing the way for the Spread of the Gospel?" aff. Moore. Neg. J. Wall.

Bro. W. C. Cattell was then elected by ballot Reporter to the So. of Inquiry at its next meeting. And Messrs Barnes Seps & Platt were elected to present the annual report in March.

Closed with prayer by Bro. Baker.

Monday Evening
February 24. 1851.

Com. met in the Hall & was opened with prayer by Bro. Blauvelt. Absent:—
Baker Moore Overstreet J. Wall, Pierce S. Hodge & J. Davidson.

The quest. was then discussed. The regular disputants being absent Mr. Barnes volunteered on the aff. Mr. Seps on the Neg.

Question for the next evening:—
"Ought Christians discourage the use of the Lot?"
affirmative Platt; negative Blauvelt.

Bro. W. L. Catlett not having his report finished it was resolved that he be allowed to read his report before the So. of Eng. without submitting it to the Com. An election by ballot was then had for reporter for the month after when Bro. Catlett was again elected which honor however he declined & his resignation was accepted by the Com. After several ballotings Brother Clark was elected.

Bro. Bunting sent in his resignation which was accepted.

E. Wall Chairman W. L. Catlett Secy

March. 1851

There was no meeting of the Committee this month, a quorum not being present. This was owing to the absence of some members from town & another exercise in the same evening which some of the members were obliged to attend.

April. 28. 1851

Com. met in the Waring & was opened with prayer by Bro. Platt. Absent; —

Baker; Moore J. A.; Overstreet; E. Wall; I. Wall; S. E. Pierce

The question appointed for March was then discussed — brother Seps having been called to the chair. The following was chosen for the first meeting in the next Session.

"Could a Romish Cardinal be tolerated in the United States Consistently with our Republican Constitution.

aff. Hughes. Negative Watts.

Bro. Cornelison was then elected Reporter for the next meeting of the So. of Enquiry.

The Committee then went into an election for officers for the ensueing year which resulted in the choice of.

James H. Seps. of Va.
Chairman

&

W. C. Cattell the present humble Secretary was re-elected.

End of the Session

1850 - 1851.

E. Wall Chairman ——— W. C. Cattell Secretary

Roll of Members
for the
Session 1850-51.

1. Baker
2. Barnes — graduated
3. Blauvelt
4. Bunting Left Committee February 24. 1851.
5. Cattell
6. Cornelison
7. Davidson
8. S. Hodge
9. Heughes
10. J. R. Moore. Left Seminary
11. Sepps
12. Overstreet — graduated
13. Pierce
14. Platt
15. Standenmeyer Left Seminary
16. E. Wall — Graduated!
17. T. Wall Graduated!
18. Watts

Minutes of the

Session 1851-52.

Monday Evening September 1851

Com. met in the Mason Hall & was opened with prayer by Mr. Dodge. Absent: Messrs. Pierce & Cornelison. — Minutes of last meeting were read & approved. The following gentlemen were proposed & elected members of the Com. Messrs: — Symms J. G.
Brusher Wm C
Miller D. H.
R. McMullen
S. A. McMullen
Lipe Wm

The question selected at the close of the last session "Could a Romish Cardinal be tolerated in the U. S Consistently with our Repub. Constitution?" was then debated in the aff: by Mr. Hughes & in the absence of Mr. Watts the regular disputant in the neg. the debate was continued by Mr. Platt. The question was afterwards debated by the members including Mr. Watts who made his appearance after the debate was opened.

Question selected for meeting in October: —
"Is the law of the State of Maine, prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, just.

aff: Baker. neg. Platt.

Mr Hughes was then elected Reporter by ballot for October.*

The following gentlemen were elected to present the annual report in March to the So. of Inquiry

Baker.
Davidson
R. McMullen.

* read left the So. in November.

The following Gentlemen were elected a Com. to report Questions for the present session: —

Platt

S. H. McMullen.

Life.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Mr. Baker —

October 26. 1851.

Com. met in the Mason Hall & was opened with prayer by Mr. Watts. There being no fire in this room, it was resolved on motion of Mr. Pierce that we adjourn to the reading room. On arriving at this place, lamps in hand, it was found also to be without fire & on the renewed motion & invitation of Mr. Pierce the Com. adjourned to his room No. 27. A. Third floor. Here we found every thing pleasant & Comfortable so the roll was called (Mr. Baker being absent) minutes of last meeting read & accepted. The following gentlemen were then excused for absence at previous meetings (Messrs Pierce & Cornelison.

Mr. Jas. P. Hughes not having his report ready on motion of Mr. Platt he was allowed to present his report to the Soc. of Inquiry without submitting it to the Com.

The Quest. was then discussed. Mr. Watts at the request of Mr Baker the neg. disputant who was absent, opened the debate in the affr. & was followed by Mr. Platt in the neg. —

Question for the next meeting. "Is Prostitution a proper subject for Municipal legislation"

aff. Pierce Neg: Blavoett.

The following Gentlemen were elected members of the Committee

Isaac Southall Deador.

Brown J. H.

P. S. Davis

Blackburn. W. M.

A Communication was rec? from the Com. on Domestic missions requesting us to meet on some other evening as it interfered with the meeting which proposition was affectionately declined.

Mr. S. Hodge was elected reporter for December by Ballot.

Mr. John Davidson of Geo. having recently returned from a tour in South Jersey on motion it was resolved that he be requested to make an address to the Com. on the Public Morals &c &c of that interesting part of our Country.

Mr. T. D. Sthen made a short address.

W. C. Cattell Secy.

Mr. Platts room No 25. 3d Entry.
November 24. 1857.

Com. met at the usual hour & was opened with prayer by Mr. Davis – Roll being Called, Messrs Baker; Pierce; Watts; S. H. McMullen; Mosher; Miller & Brown were marked absent. Messrs Taylor & McKee were elected members of the Com. S. Hodge read the monthly report wh. was accepted.

The Q being under discussion Mr. Platt volunteered in the aff. – the neg. disput. Mr. Pierce being absent: — Mr. Blauvelt followed in the negative

Q for next meeting: "Is it the duty of professing Christians to abstain from intoxicating liquors as a beverage"

aff. Cornelison: neg. S. Hodge

Mr. Loewanthall was elected Monthly Reporter –

Mr. Baker sent in his resignation as a member of the Com: — & Mr. Cornelison was elected to fill the vacancy thus occasioned in the Com. to present the annual report (see Sept. 1851)

Called Meeting

December 31. 1857

A special meeting of the Com. was held in Mr. J. to hear the monthly report of Mr. Loewanthall wh. ~~was~~ was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Life was elected Reporter.

Messrs Davidson & Hodges Room
No. 7. 1st. floor :- January 1852

The Assn. met at the usual hour & the Chr'm being absent was called to order by the Secretary. Mr. Davidson opened the meeting with prayer. On motion Bro. Hughes was elected Chairm pro: tem. Absent at roll-call :- Sleps, Pierce Cornelison, Watts, Life Brosher Miller Brown Taylor. Minutes were read & approved

The Reporter Mr. Life being absent there was no report.

The Q was then opened in the affi: & in the absence of Mr. Cornelison) being appointed to that duty by the Chairman. Bro Hodge followed in the Neg: & the Q was then debated by the other members with great ability warmth & length

Q for next evening " Is the Greek Ch. a part of the true Ch. of Christ. ? "

affi:- Hughes. Neg. Watts.

Bro. Blavoert was elected Reporter for next month March.

Adjourned to meet in Bro. Greenwalls room.

Cattell Sec.

Jas. H. Sleps Chairman.

Mr. Loewanthall's room No 50
Monday February 23d 1852

Com. met & was opened with prayer by Mr. Blackburn - Secy being absent Mr. Blauvelt was appointed to discharge his duties. Roll was called - Cattell Platt Pierce Cornelison Hughes Watts absent - Minutes of last Meeting were read & adopted.

Q was opened in the aff: by Mr. Loewanthall in the place of Mr. Hughes (absent)

Q for next Meeting "Shd ch. members be disciplined for the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage?"

aff. Davidson neg. Life.

Closed with prayer by Mr. Loewanthall - (no reporter selected)

Geo. Blauvelt Sec. Pro. Tem -

Mason Hall Monday
March 29 1852

Com. met - opened with prayer by Bro. McMullen. Minutes read & approved - So many members being absent (gone to Trenton to hear Daniel Webster talk about Indian rubber) Com. adjd till next evening
Closed with prayer by Bro. Cattell

Mason Library Tuesday
March 30. 1852.

Chairmn & Sec. both absent — Mr. Goewanthall was called to the chair — Mr. R. W. Mullen appointed Secy. — prayer by Mr. Davidson. Absent: — Cattell Sips Platt Blauvelt Pierce Cornelison Symms Masker Miller Brown Blackburn Davis &c &c. &c &c!

Mr. O. A. Harrison was elected a member of the Committee.

Mr. R. McMullin was elected Reporter for next month.

Q. for next evening "Do the Signs of the times justify the opinion that the Romish Church will finally prevail in this County"

S. H. W. Mullen — Secy: R. W. Mullen

R. W. Mullen
Sec. Pro. Tem.

LAST MEETING !

April. 1852.

Tremendous Excitement !!!

At a large & enthusiastic meeting of the brethren honorably attached to this most ancient Committee the following gentlemen were elected Officers for the next Session

James M Platt. Chairman.

J. G. Symmes Secretary

No question was debated – no Q. was selected for next meeting – no Reporter was elected – no further business was done – no remarks were made – when the Committee quietly adjourned.

J. H. Epps Chairman that was

W. C. Cattell Sec'y that was.

par Mobile brethren.

Roll.

1851 ~~~~ 1852

Baker J. F. resigned Nov. 24. 1852.
Blackburn. W. M.
Blauvelt. G.
Brown. S. H.
Cattell W. G. Graduated
Cornelison J. A.
Davis. P. S. graduated
Davidson. John
Hodge S.
Hughes. J.
Leps. J. H graduated
Life Wm
Loeventhall L.
Miller. D. M.
Mc Kee J. left Army
Mc Mullen R
Mc Mullen S. H.
Masher. W. C.
Pierce L. C.
Platt J. M.
Symmes J. G.
Taylor C. graduated
Watts. R. graduated

Reporters.

Hughes J. October. (to the
So. of Ingin November 1.
S. Hodge December
Loeventhall. J. January
Life. W. February
Blauvelt. G. March
none April
R. Mc Mullen. May

Minutes of the Session of 1852-1853.

Monday Evening Sept. 27th 1852.

Committee met — was called to order by the Chairman — & opened with prayer by Bro. Mosher. Absent: Blackburn Brown, Life, Miller & Pierce. The Minutes of the last meeting were read & rejected, as incorrect. On motion the Gentleman who penned those minutes was requested to correct them. The following were proposed & elected members of the Committee: T. McCauley Jr, H. G. Hinsdale, Thos. Hempstead & J. M. Batchelder. The Monthly Report was read by Bro. S. Hodge, accepted & adopted.

The discussion of the question, "has the Temperance Reformation been brought about more by means within than without the Church," was opened by Bro. Mosher on the affirmative & Bro. Pierce on the negative.

Question selected for next meeting," Should an Infidel be allowed to give testimony in a Court of Justice!"

Aff. Blackburn. — Neg. Batchelder.

Bro. Davidson was elected Reporter for October.

A Committee of three was elected to select questions for the present Session, consisting of Loewenthall, Hinsdale & Pierce.

During this election a question arose as to whether it required a majority or plurality vote to elect an Officer: the Chairman, Bro. Mosher, decided that a plurality vote was sufficient.

A Committee of three, consisting of R. McMullen, Loewenthall & Davidson was appointed to inquire into the expediency or possibility of changing our time of meeting, & to report at next meeting.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. S. H. McMullen.

J. M. Platt. Chairman. J. G. Symmes Rec. Sec.

Mason Library Oct. 25th 1852.

Committee met — & in absence of the chairman Bro. R. McMullen was called to the chair. Roll was called & Messrs. Blackburn, Blauvelt, S.H. Brown, Cornelison, Davidson, Hempstead, Hodges, Life, Miller, McCauley, S.H. McMullen, Pinco & Platt were marked absent. Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted. Bro's. Heberton C.P. D.N. Rendall, G. Westcott, W.F. Junkin, & E.M. Giltner were proposed & elected members of Committee. The Reporter, Mr Davidson, was absent. Bro. Loewenthall was appointed to open the discussion in place of Bro. Blackburn absent. Bro. Batchelder answered in the negative. M.

Question for next meeting! "Does an exclusively secular education bias the mind to Infidelity?" Aff. Blauvelt. Neg. Brown.

A Committee of three Annual Reporters was elected consisting of Bro's. Loewenthall, Rendall & McCauley.

S.H. McMullen was elected next monthly Reporter.

The Committee appointed in reference to a change in our evening of meeting reported that they had investigated the matter & recommended that the evening be changed.

The Committee, not being satisfied, directed the Committee to make further investigations, & report at the next meeting.

Committee adj. with prayer.

J.M. Platt Chairman

J.G. Symmes Rec. Sec.

Mason Library Nov. 29th 1882.

Committee met — was opened with prayer by Bro. Kendall.
Roll was called — absent Batchelder — Blackburn — Blauvelt —
Brown — Cornelison — Hodge — Leife — Miller — Mosher —
Pierce — Symmes & Hibberton.
Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted.
Messrs Davidson — Hempstead — McCauley — S. H. McMullin
& Platt were excused for absence at last meeting.
Bros. Foote. C. H. & Skillman. C. H. were proposed & elected
members of Committee. Monthly Report read
by S. H. McMullen was accepted & adopted
Question for the evening was then discussed.
Question: "Does the enactment of restrictive & not prohibitory
laws imply connivance on the part of the State?"
Aff. Cornelison. Neg. Davidson.
Bro McCauley was elected Reporter for next month.
Special Committee on Change reported that they deem
it inexpedient to change our time of meeting for three
reasons: (1) But two members now belong to both Com-
-mittees. (2) Both Committees are nearly full.
(3) A change would conflict with other meetings.
Report was accepted & adopted, & the Committee discharged
The Chair directed the Secretary to send a copy of the
report to the Secretary of Committee on Domestic Mission
S. H. McMullin offered his resignation, which
was received, to take effect after meeting of Society of Inquiry.
Committee adj. with prayer by S. H. McMullin

J. M. Platt. Chairman.

J. G. Symmes Rec. Sec.

Mason Library Dec. 27th 1852

Committee met, & the Chairman being absent Bro. Davidson was called to the Chair. Prayer by Bro. Hinsdale. Roll was called — absent Bro's. Blackburn, Blauvelt, Brown, Leife, Miller, R. McMullin, S. H. McMullin, Mosher, Pierce, Platt, Hebberton, Westcott, Rendall, Junkin, Foote, & Skillman. Minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. Bro's Batchelder, Cornelison Blackburn, Hodge & Symmes were excused for absence at last meeting. Bro. S. H. McMullin was re-elected a member of Committee. The Report was read by Bro. McCauley, & on the ground that the acceptance of the Paper as a Report did not imply an adoption of its sentiments, was accepted.

Question was discussed by Cornelison & Davidson.

Question: "Are Romanists correct in asserting that Infant Baptism is inconsistent with the Protestant view of the Sacraments"? Aff. Giltner. Neg. Foote.

Bro Hinsdale was elected Reporter for January.

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro. Rendall.

S. M. Platt Chairman.

S. G. Symmes Sec.

Mason Library Jan. 31st 1853.

Committee met — was called to order by the Chairman — prayer by S. H. Brown. Minutes read & adopted.
Brethren Brown, Miller & Skillman were excused for absence.
The Reporter — Bro. Hinsdale was absent.
Debate was opened by Bro. Giltner — followed by Bro. Davidson, in the absence of Bro. Foote. At the close of the hour the debate was, on motion, continued half an hour longer.

Question: "Should American citizens be secured by the Government of the United States in the full exercise of the rights of conscience in Foreign Countries?"

No Reporter was elected, next month being the time for presenting the Annual Report.

Adj. with prayer by R. McMullin.

James M. Platt. Chairman

J. G. Symmes. Secretary.

Mason Library Feb. 28th 185?

Committee met — Chairman being absent & Bro. Davidson was called to the Chair. Prayer by Bro Hinsdale. Reading of Minutes. Absent from Roll-call — All the brethren except Batchelder — Connelison — Davidson — Hinsdale — Loewenthall — McCauley — R. McMullin, & Rendall.

Reading Annual Report was dispensed with. The Question was not discussed.

Question for next meeting: "Is the Confessional promotive of Public Morality?"

Bro. Connelison was elected Reporter.

Adj. with prayer by Bro. Batchelder.

John Davidson, Chairman. Pro. Tem

R. McMullin Sec. Pro. Tem.

Mason Library March 28/53

Committee met— called to order by the Chairman & opened with prayer by S. Hodge.

Minutes of last meeting were read & appuved.

Excused – Bros. Hempstead – S. Hodge – S. H. McMullin – Platt & Symmes.

Bro. Sewett. A. D. C. was elected a member of Committee.

Reporter being absent was permited to present his Report before Society without reading before Committee.

Debate was conducted by Bro Hodge & Seewenthal

Question: "Should American citizens be secured by the Government of the United States in the full exercises of the rights of Conscience in Foreign Countries?"

Bro. Hempstead was elected Reporter.

Bro. Heberton was excused for remainder session.

Prayer by Bro. R. McMullin.

James M. Platt. Chairman

S. G. Symmes. Secretary.

Mason Library Apr. 25th 1853.

Committee met — Bro. Seowenthall was called to the Chair — prayer by Bro. Pierce.
Role called — Batchelder - Blackburn — Blauvelt - Cornelison — Miller - McCauley — Mosher - Platt - Dunkin - Giltner - Foote - Hillman & Sewell.
Minutes were read & appruved. Excused — Brown - Davidson — Hinsdale — Pierce — Rendall & Westcott
Reporter (Hempstead) failed — was allowed to present to Society without reading.
Discussion of Question was dispensed with.
Reporter — Bro. Westcott.
Election of Officers for next Session resulted:

Chairman: D. G. Symmes.

Secretary: H. G. Hinsdale.

The thanks of the Committee were tendered to the retiring Officers for the faithful manner in which they have performed duty.

Adj. with prayer by Bro. Hinsdale.

James M. Platt. Chairman.

D. G. Symmes. Secretary.

Roll of Members for Session 1852-1853.

Batchelder, D. M.
Blackburn, W. M.
Blauvelt, Geo. Grad.
Brown, S. H.
Cornelison, D. A. Grad.
Davidson, John. Grad.
Foote, C. H.
Giltner, H. M.
Heberton, E. P.
Hempstead, Thos. Grad.
Hinsdale, H. G.
Hodge, L. Grad.
Jewett, A. D. L.
Junkin, W. F.
Leife, Wm
Loewenthall I.
Miller, D. M. Grad.
McCauley, Thos.
McMullin, R.
McMullin, S. H.
Mosher, W. C. Grad.
Pierce, S. C. Grad.
Platt, D. M. Grad.
Rendall, I. N.
Skillman, C. H.
Symmes, D. G.
Westcott, L.

List of Disputants and Reasons.

Reporters.

October:— Davidson, J.
November:— McMullin, S. H.
December:— McCauley, Thos.
January:— Hinsdale, H. G.
February: Annual Report.
March:— Cornelison, D. A.
April:— Hempstead, Thos.

Madison Library Sept. 26th '53

The Lyc. met, & was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr. McCauley. After which the minutes of the last meeting were read & adopted. On motion, all absentees from the last meeting, held Apl. 25th 1853, were excused. The nomination of new members being in order, Messrs Hart, Bickert and Nixon were nominated & elected members of the Lyc. The Reporter (Mr. Westcott) was absent.

The question for discussion was then read:- "Should Roman Catholics be allowed a separate share of the school-fund in our several States?" Mr. Jewett opened the argument in the affr. & was followed by Mr. W. F. Perkin in the neg. In the general debate Messrs. Kendall, Kittman, S. H. McMullin, W. F. Perkin, & McCauley participated with much spirit & some logic.

The Chairman having announced the expiration of the time (one hour) allotted by the Constitution to the debate; the Lyc. by a special vote extended the time 15 min. in order to hear some remarks from Mr. Blackburn, who was followed by Mr. McCauley. Another extension of 3 min. was voted for Mr. Blackburn's benefit.

The choice of a question ~~for the next meeting~~ being next in order, & there being no Lyc. on Questions, it was moved that the question selected for the meeting of Feb. 28th, & consequently for that of Apl. 25th, but debated on neither of them

occasion be discussed at our next meeting.
Mr. Randall proposed to amend the question by inserting the words "at home" after the words "right of Audience." Not agreed to. The following amendment was offered by Mr. McCauley & Carried; viz. the substitution of the phrase "Religious privileges" for "Right of Audience". The question as amended was then adopted. It reads thus: "Should American citizens in foreign Countries be secured by the government of the U.S. in the full enjoyment of their religious privileges!"
Mr. Foote was elected Reporter.
Messrs Skillman, Nixon & Jewett were chosen a Committee on Questions.
It was on motion resolved that the Com. to prepare the Annual Report consist of 3 members. Messrs. S.H. McMullin, Blackburn, & Nixon were accordingly elected.
Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, the Chairman appointed Messrs. Kimball & Randall a Com. to examine the old minutes lately recovered, relative to the antiquity of our present practice of holding ~~our~~ meetings on Monday viz. After prayer by Mr. Foote the ~~meeting~~ adjourned.
Absentees — Batcheldor, Killner, Life, Loewenthal & Westcott.

J. G. Symmes — Chairman

Horace G. Kimball — Secy

Rec. Dem. Oct. 31st 1853.

The Dem. assembled, was called to order by the Chairman. After prayer by Mr. N. F. Franklin, the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Absentees excused Mefsrs Gillner, Sonnenthal, Westcott.

New members elected Mefsrs Hodge, Manning, Pierce.

The Report was read by Mr. Foote, & accepted. The Reporter himself objecting to its adoption on account of the hasty manner in which it had been prepared; it was, on Motion of Mr. Kendall, Resolved that the the Reporter be allowed to make such minor changes as might seem desirable & as would leave unaltered the main features of the Report.

In the absence of Mr. Sipe the debate was opened by Mr. Kendall in the affirmative. Mr. Sonnenthal followed in the negative. In the general debate, Mefsrs Kendall, Sonnenthal, N. F. Franklin & Jewett participated.

Nine of the questions offered by the Question Com. meeting with approbation, the following presented by Mr. Sonnenthal, was chosen:- "Is the Christian Minister a Priest?"

The balloting for reporter resulted in the election of Mr. Westcott.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, it was moved by a shivering Member that the Secy be requested to stir up the servants to a more adequate sense of their duty in

reference to the proper heating of the room in wh. the Com. is accustomed to meet. Carried unanimously.
The report of the Com. appointed at the last meeting was then read.
Mr. Franklin moved its adoption + a vote of thanks to the Com. Carried.
On motion it was resolved that the whole subject, in reference to wh. the report was prepared, be laid on the table.
After prayer by Mr. Sweenthat, the meeting adjourned.
Absentees — Batchelder, Sife, McCauley, S. H. McMullin, I Killman.

J. D. Sammes - Chairman

Moses H. Hindale - Sec'y

Phila. Sem. Nov. 28th '53

The Com. having assembled, prayer was offered by Mr. Loewenthal, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. Mr. S. T. Thompson was, on motion, received as a member of the Com. The Monthly Report being in order, it was read by Mr. Metcalf & unanimously adopted.

In the absence of the regular debaters, the question was thrown open for general discussion, in which Messrs. Nixon Metcalf & Loewenthal took part.

On motion of Mr. Siebert the same question viz. "Is the Christian minister a Priest?" was chosen for debate at the next meeting. On motion of Mr. Metcalf the same debaters were re-appointed. After balloting for Reporter which resulted in the choice of Mr. Siebert, by whom also the closing prayer was offered, the Com. adjourned.

Absentees — Batchelder, Blackburn, Fouts, Hodge, Jewett, Jenkins, Life, McCauley, R. McMullin, S. H. McMullin, Rendale, Skeeman

Isidor Loewenthal
Chairman pro. tem.

Horace G. Hinsdale — Sec'y

Theo. Sem. Dec. 16th '53

A quorum having assembled at the usual hour of meeting, the monthly report was read by Mr. Lichtert & adopted.
Mr. J. Aspinwall Hodge was nominated & elected Reporter for the next month.
The following question was taken for discussion — "Are Infidels justified in their aspersion of Joseph's character on account of his introducing Feudalism into Egypt?"
Absent — all the members of the Sem. with the exception of Junkin, Lichtert, McCauley, Loewenthal, Hinsdale

H. G. Hinsdale
Sec'y of Sem.

Rec. Sem. Jan. 30th 1854

The meeting of the Com. was opened with prayer by Mr. Nixon, after which the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

The excuses for absence offered by Messrs. Hodge, Manning, Nixon, Pearse, Killman, Seymour & Metcalf, were accepted.

The following gentlemen were nominated & chosen members of the Com., Messrs Bayley, Frothingham & Mills.

The usual monthly report was read by Mr. Hodge and adopted.

The debate was opened by Mr. Nixon in the affirmative, who was followed by Mr. Pearse in the negative. The general debate was conducted by Messrs Sweetnam, Jewett, Killman, Nixon & Pearse.

The Repl. of the Question Com. was accepted, & the following question chosen — "Is it right in policy & morals for the Temperance party to unite with any political party for the attainment of their object?"

The balloting for monthly Reporter resulted in the election of Mr. Nixon. In consequence of the Annual Report superseding the monthly Report at the Fel. meeting, it was on motion resolved that Mr. Nixon present his Report at the meeting of the Com. in March.

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, the following resolutions were offered: —

Resolved:- That the monthly Report ~~read~~ prepared for our last meeting, ~~not read~~ before the Society of Inquiry because of the failure of the said Soc. to meet in the month of January, be read at the ensuing meeting of the Soc. of Inquiry. Mc Cauley. (carried)
Resolved:- That the hour of meeting of the Som. be changed to 7 o'clock P. M. Sibbert. (carried)
Resolved - That I ~~be~~ allowed to withdraw from this Committee. Gillmer. (carried)
Resolved - That I be excused from serving on the Com. on Annual Report. Blackburn. (not seconded)
Messrs Jewett & Mc Mullin R. were excused for absence from the last meeting.
After prayer by Rev. Mc Cauley, the Com. adjourned.
Absentees - Batchelder, Blank, Foote, Junkin W.F., Life, J. H. Mc Mullin, Randall, Thompson.

J. D. Symmes
Chairman

Horace D. Hinsdale - Secy

Princeton Theo. Sem. Feb. 2nd 1854

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Niles, after which the roll was called, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and adopted.

The following gentlemen were excused for absence:— Life, S. H. McMullin, Rendall, Thompson.

The Annual Report not being ready for presentation it was on motion of Mr. Sommerthal resolved, that the author of the Report be permitted to present it to the Soc. of Inquiry without previously reading it before the Committee.

The debate was commenced by Mr. Rendall in the Affirmative, who was followed by Mr. Killman in the negative. The general debate was conducted by Messrs. Rendall, Killman, Clark, Sommerthal, McCauley, Jewett, W. F. Junkin, Westcott, S. H. McMullin, Miller. Mr. McMullin, by a special motion, was allowed to speak ten minutes after the expiration of the hour allotted to this exercise.

The Com. on Questions offered a report, which was accepted. The questions however, were severally rejected. On motion the whole subject was laid on the table.

The following question was proposed by Mr. Sibbert and adopted:— "Is the Christian minister a Priest?"

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, Mr.

Western submitted a resolution to this effect; - Resolved, That a Com. be appointed to take into consideration the absence of members from our meetings, and to prepare a report on the same. Lost.

The closing prayer was offered by Mr. Bayley, after which the Com. adjourned.

Absentees — Clark, Foote, Frothingham, Manning.

Wm. G. Symmes
Chairman

Horace G. Hinsdale
Secretary

Rhet. Sem. Mar. 24th 1854

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman. Prayer was offered by Mr. Mills. The roll having been called, it was, on motion, resolved that the Committee do now adjourn to meet on Thursday evening, immediately after the speaking in the Oratory.

Absent from roll-call — all the members, excepting Hunkin, McCauley, R. McMullin, Mills, Nixon, Pearce, Kellman.

Wm. G. Symmes
Chairman

Horace G. Hinsdale - Secy

Princeton Theo. Sem. 30th March 1854.

The Com. met pursuant to adjournment. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. McCauley was requested to preside pro tem.

Prayer having been offered by Mr. Junkin the Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. On motion, the absentees from the meeting of Monday 27th Mar. 27th, were excused.

Mr. Jennison was nominated and chosen a member of this Committee.

Mr. Nixon's report was read & adopted.

The regular debates not being in attendance, Mr. Manning moved the postponement of the debate. The motion was withdrawn.

The following gentlemen took part in the discussion:— Messrs. Sickert, Mills, Nixon, Manning Frothingham. "Are public discussions with infidels beneficial?" was the question chosen for debate at the next meeting.

Mr. Frothingham was elected Reporter for the month of April.

The Com. adjourned after prayer by Mr. Manning.

Absentees — Foote, Hodge, Jewett, Sorenethal, S.H. McMullin, Thompson, Westcott.

Thos. McCauley Jr.
Chairman pro tem.

Horace G. Hinsdale
Secy

Princeton Theo. Sem. Apl. 24th
1854

The Committee assembled at the usual hour. Mr. R. McMullin was appointed Chairman pro tem., in the absence of Mr. Symmes.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Hillman, after which the roll was called, and the minutes of the last meeting read and adopted.

The following gentlemen offered excuses for absence, which were accepted. — Hodge, Jewett, J. H. McMullin, Thompson, Westcott.

Mr. Blauvelt was elected a member of the Committee.

Mr. Frothingham having forwarded his report by mail, it was read by Mr. Nixon, accepted, & ordered to be presented to the Soc. of Inquiry at its next meeting.

The debate of this evening was on motion, postponed until the first meeting of the next Session.

Mr. Beadle was chosen Reporter for the month of September next.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to thank Mr. Frothingham in the name of this Committee for his prompt discharge of duty as monthly Reporter. for taking the trouble of sending the report by mail

The Committee then proceeded to ballot for officers to serve during the coming year.

Mr. Westcott was elected Chairman
Mr. Nixon " " Secretary

It was on motion resolved that the retiring officers receive the thanks of the Committee for the manner in which they have discharged their duty during the year now closed.

After prayer by Mr. Jenkins, the Com. adjourned, to assemble again on the last Monday evening of September next.

Absent — Frothingham, Bayley, Sommerthal, Manning, Mills, Rendall.

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Chairman pro tem.

Norman H. Windsdale
Secy

Members during the Session 1853-54.

Batchelder J. M.
Blanchard W. M. Jr.
Bokark J. H.
Frothingham
Foote Lo. H. Jr.
Hayley J. R.
Hilton H. M.
Hindale N. J.
Hodge J. A.
Johnston J. F.
Jewett A. D. L.
Junkin W. F. Jr.
Life N. Jr.
Loewenthal J. Jr.
Lubkert E. L.
Mc Leanley T.
Mc Mullin R. Jr.
Mc Mullin J. H. Jr.
Manning R. J.
Miller Le. R.
Minton J. H.
Pearce J. L.
Rendall J. N.
Skillman Le. H.
Symmes J. D. Jr.
Thompson J. T.

Westcott L.

Reporters

Com.	Sec. of Leg.
No Report	Sept.
Foote	Oct.
Westcott	Nov.
Lubkert	Dec.
Hodge	Jan
Annual Report	Feb.
Minton	Mar.
Frothingham	Apl.
	May

Roll 1854-5

	Sept 24	Oct.	Nov	Dec	Jany	Feby	March	Apl.
Batchelder								
~~Blanchard~~								
~~Devereux~~								
~~Hutchinson~~								
Ferrier								
Gayley								
Gordon								
Hinsdale								
Hodge								
House								
Jennison								
Jewett								
~~Leverett~~								
Luttrell								
Malcom								
McCauley								
~~R~~ McMullen								
~~Dr~~ McMullen								
Manning								
Mills								
Nepin								
Pearse								
Powell								
Rendall								
Stillman								
~~Sumner~~								
Taylor								
~~Thompson~~								
Westcott								

Mason Library
Sept. 25th 1854

The Committee met at usual time - opened with Prayer by Br Mills
Roll was called Minutes read corrected & adopted & absentees excused.
Mess. House & Ferries were elected Members of the Committee
The Report was read by Bro. Pease accepted & ordered to be presented to the Society after some remarks by Bro. McCauley on the unusual orthodoxy of the Report.
The Question was opened by Bro. Batchelder. In the absence of Bro. Frothingham Bro Skillman opened in the Neg.
The discussion was continued by Bro's Gayley, Nixon, McMullin (R. & S.) - McCauley Jewett & Mibbs occupying the full hour.
The following question was selected for the next meeting:
"Could a Romish Cardinal be tolerated in the United States "consistently with our Republican institutions."
At Mr Blauvelt's request on motion of Mr. Pease, his name was withdrawn from the roll.
Mr. Mills was elected Reporter for the next month.
The Society was about to ballot for a Committee on Essays when an alarm of fire being given our motion it was resolved to adjourn till the following day at 12 o'clk.
Absent - Frothingham - Rundall - Thompson - Somerindyke.

The adjourned meeting was held & opened with prayer by Bro S & McMullin The election for a Committee on Essays resulted in the choice of Mess Gayley Pease & Hodge. The Election for Annual Reporter, in the Choice of Mess. Skillman McCauley & ~~Hinsdale~~ Gayley
adjourned with Prayer by Bro. Manning.

L. Westcott Secy

S. H. Nixon
Secy

Mason Library

October 30th 54.

The Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Manning. The minutes were read and adopted. I. S. Gordon was proposed & elected a member of the Committee.

The Monthly report was read by Mr. C. R. Mills and ordered to be presented to the Society.

The question was opened by Mr. Ferris in the Affirmative and in the absence of Mr Frothingham Mr Jewett was appointed to open in the negative which he did with tremendous effect. The debate was continued by Mess. House Macauley Hodge & Pearse.

Question selected for next Month.

"Should the civil government have any thing to do with the support or direction of religion

The constitution was then read.

Mr Jewett was elected Reporter for next Month

Absent- Gayley Hinsdale & Thompson

Adjourned with prayer by Mr Batchelder

J. N. Nixon

Secy

Mason Library Novem. 27th 1854

The Committee met and in the absence of the President Mr Pease was called to the chair
Mr Gayley led in Prayer
Mess Malcom Taylor DeForest & Symmes were elected members of the Committee
The Monthly report was read by Mr Jewett. and ordered to be presented to the Society.

The question for discussion was opened in the affirmative by Mr Gayley - in the negative by Mr Batchelder followed by Mess. Macauley Stillman Jewett & Mills
For next evening Question Is the effect of party Spirit in our country favorable to Public Morals.
Mr. C. Ferrier was elected Reporter
Mr Macauley resigned as annual Reporter and Mr Hunce was elected in his place.
Absent Jennings & Westcott.
Adjourned with Prayer by Mr Batchelder

J. H. Simon Secy

Mason Library Dec 25th 1854

The Committee met & was opened with prayer by Mr Gordon. Absent Batchelder Deveuve Gayley Hodge Jennison Jewett Lubkert Malcom Macauley Manning Mills Nixon Rose Rendall Skillman Symmes Taylor. Mr I. S. Gordon was appointed Secy pro tem. On motion of Mr Hindale Mr Ferris was allowed to present the monthly report to the Secy of Inquiry without just ready to the Committee.

Mr Gordon was elected Reporter

On motion of Mr Rose the regular exercises were postponed till next month in order to attend an address of the Rev Mr Warren of India. On Motion of Mr Ferris Committee adjourned —

I. S. Gordon Secy P.T.

Mason Library Jany 29th 1855

The Committee met and Mr House opened with prayer..

Absent Mess. ~~Deveuve~~ Ferris Hindale[E] Jennison Jewett Lubkert[E] Malcolm Manning[E] Rendall Taylor.

The monthly report was presented by Mr Gordon

Mr Powell was elected a member of the Committee

In the absence of Mr. Hindale the discussion was opened by Mr. Mills promptly in the affirmative followed by Mr Hodge in an equally extensive cogency in the negative. Further remarks were offered by Messrs Skillman & Hodge —

Bro. Jewett having just returned from a tour through the Jersies communicated some information as to the state of Catholicism & Public Morals in the section he visited.

The question "ought infidel publications to be suppressed by law." was postponed & adopted. Mr Gayley argued

as member of the committee on the annual report & Mr Gordon was elected in his place. The committee closed with prayer by Mr Bayley

J. H. Nixon Secy

Mason Library Feby 26th 1855

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Taylor. The minutes read and adopted.

Absent Batchelder Farrier Hodge Rendall

Mess Hindale Jennison Lubkert Manning Taylor were excused from absence from last meeting

The annual report on Public Morals Romish Church & Infidelity was then read as prepared by Mess Hosea Gordon & Skillman.

The question for discussion was opened in the affirmative by Mr Hosea in the negative by Mr Jennison and being opened to the Committee was further discussed by Mess Mayberley Powell + Hodges Nixon

+ Mr Jennison was elected Reporter.

Closed with prayer by Mr Malcom

J. H. Nixon Secy

+ Question for debate at next meeting

Is there a daily recognition of the Christian Religion in the institutions of our country

Absent Batchelder Farrier Hodge Miles

Mason Library Mch 27th 55

The Committee met and in the absence of the President Mr Hinsdale was called to the Chair Opened with prayer by Mr Gayley Minutes read and adopted.

On motion Mr Jennison was allowed to report to the Society of Inquiry without reading to the Committee.

On motion the debate was postponed till next meeting

Mr Pond was elected reporter and excused upon his request accompanied with a statement of the various duties which would prevent a fulfilment of the duty. Mr Hodge was then elected but excused on the ground of having already been. Mr. De Leuw was then unanimously elected.

Closed with prayer by the Secy.

Absent Batchelder Devereux Ferris Jennison
Seibert Malcom McCauley Manning Mills
Rendall Skillman Taylor Wescott

S. A. Nixon
Secy.

Mason Library April 30th 1855

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Hodge. The roll was called Absent Batchelder Gayley Gordon Kinsdale Malcom Manning Mills Powell. Minutes read and adopted. L. S. Fine & S. W. Lewis were elected members of the Committee
Mr. DeVeuve read his report which was adopted and ordered to be presented to the Society of Inquiry.
The debate was postponed.
Mr. Lewis was elected Reporter.
Mr. Gayley was elected President for the ensuing year and Mr. Ferrier was elected Secretary.

Mr. Nixon proposed as an amendment to the constitution that the Society appoint a Corresponding Secretary with duties similar to those of the Corresponding Secretaries of the other Committees. After considerable discussion by Messrs. McCauley Pearce DeVeuve Jennison Taylor & the resolution was lost by a vote of Aff 8 Neg. 6. On motion Committee adj. & was closed with prayer by Mr Hillman.

Lorenzo Westcott Chairman
S. Nixon Secretary.

Members during Session 1854-5.

Batchelder
Devane
Ferrier E
Gayley J R
Gordon J S.
Hinsdale H G.
Hodge J A
House W
Jennison J
Jewett A D L.
Lubbock E A.
Malcom C K.
Lewis J. W.
McCauley J.
Manning R S.
Mills C R
Nixon J. H.
Pearse J L
Rendall J. N
Powell W.
Skillman C A
Symmes F M
Taylor A A E.
Thompson J. T.
Westcott L
Fine L. S.

Reporters

September — J. L. Pearse
October — C. R. Mills
November — A D L Jewett
December — Edsall Ferrier
January — J. S. Gordon
February — Skillman House & Gordon — Ann'l Report.
March — Jennison.
April — Devane.

H. S. Alexander

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Mason Library, Sept. 24th 1853.

The committee met and was opened with prayer by the Chairman. The roll was called - absent de Trave, Lewis, Manning, Taylor & Fine. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. On Motion all absentees from the last meeting held April 30th were Excused. Mr Mc Elheny was elected a member of the Committee. Mr Lewis the Monthly Reporter was absent. The question for discussion was opened in the affirmative by Mr House - in the Negative by Mr Clarke - followed by Messrs Nixon, Mills & Powell. Mr Fine was elected Monthly Reporter. It was on Motion resolved that the Committee to prepare the annual Report consist of three members. Messrs Taylor, Lewis & Clarke were elected.

Messrs Fine, House & Mills were chosen a Committee on question. Their Report was presented and accepted. Question Selected for the next meeting: to Spiritual Manifestation, popularly so called, and to advance Infidelity among the Masses. As Mr Lewis one of the disputants ~~was~~ had not returned to the Seminary by reason of Sickness, Mr Nixon was appointed an alternate to open the discussion. The Rec. Secretary was instructed by the Committee to state to the Soc. of Inquiry the cause of the failure of the Monthly Report, viz. Sickness of Mr Lewis.

On Motion the Committee adjourned & was closed with prayer by Mr Clarke.

J. R. Taylor Chairman
E. Fenn Secretary.

Mason Library Oct. 29th 1833

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Lewis. Roll called – absent Gowell & J. H. Nixon. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. All absentees from the last meeting were excused, except Mr. Fine whose excuse was not accepted. The following gentlemen were then proposed and elected members of the Committee: Messrs. Millard Broadhead, H. S. Alexander G. Nixon and Nelson.

Mr Fine read the monthly report which was accepted and ordered to be read in the Society of Inquiry.

The question for discussion was opened on the Aff. by Mr Lewis – on the Neg. by Mr. Manning. It was further discussed by Messrs House, Hodge, Taylor Mills, de Rune & Mc Elhinny. The report of the committee on questions, was accepted. Question Selected for the next Meeting, Ought Mormonism as a system of faith & practice to be proscribed by law. Disputants – Mills & G. Nixon. Mr Mc Elhinny was elected monthly Reporter. This being the meeting for reading the constitution of the Committee, Mr Manning proposed to postpone it for one week. motion lost. The Constitution was then read. Mr Lewis ~~offered his~~ one of the committee to prepare the annual report, offered his resignation, which was accepted. The Committee proceeded to fill the vacancy, which resulted in the choice of Mr Broadhead. On motion Com. adjourned and was closed with prayer by Mr Mc Elhinny.

D. R. Glasby. Chairm
E. Hines Secty.

Mason Library Nov. 26th 1855.

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr Cowell. Roll called – absent Mr. Jennison. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted – absentees from the previous meeting were excused. The following gentlemen were then proposed and elected members of the committee: Messrs. Thompson, Rees, C.W. Stewart, Butts.

Mr McElhinny read the monthly report which was accepted and ordered to be read before the Society of Inquiry.

The question for discussion was opened in the Affr. by Mr Mills – in the Neg. by Mr. G. Nixon. It was further discussed by Messrs Jewett & Taylor.

Valuable and interesting information connected with the Romish Church, was communicated by Messrs Jewett, Taylor and J.H. Nixon. The report of the Committee on questions was accepted. The following selected for the next meeting: Should converts from Romanism upon joining the Protestant Church be rebaptized. Disputants, Messrs. J.H. Nixon & Earle. Mr G. Nixon was elected monthly Reporter.

On Motion of Mr Hodge, the privilege has granted by the Com. to Mr McElhinny to make any verbal ~~improvement~~ changes that he saw proper, previous to its presentation before the Soc. of Inquiry. The Com. then adjourned and was closed with prayer by Mr Taylor.

E. R. Yeates, Chairman.
E. Jewett, Secretary.

Mason Library Jan. 28 1856.

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr Jamison. The Secretary being absent on account of illness Mr. Brodhead was elected Secy pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The roll was called and the following members found absent Messrs Burtis, Fenner, Hodge, Howe, Manning, McElhenny, Pearse, Taylor, Renz, Thompson.

Mr. Jamison was excused for absence at the last meeting.

By request Mr Geo. Nixon was excused from reading the monthly report till after the debate.

The question for discussion was opened on the affirmative by Mr. J. H. Nixon, and on the negative by Mr Willard, named by the Chair to supply the place of Mr Pease who was absent. The debate was continued by Messrs Taylor Lewis and Mills on the Affir. and Messrs Jamison and Powell on the Negative.

The Monthly report was read, accepted and ordered to be read before the Society of Inquiry.

The report of the Com. on Questions was accepted. The same question as that debated this evg. was selected for the next debate. Disputants Powell & Renz. *

Mr Powell resigned his position as one of the Annual Reporters. The resignation was accepted and Mr Mc Elhenny elected to fill the vacancy.

The Committee then adjourned. Prayer by Mr Kehoe.

S. R. Gayley Pres.

Attest. Brodhead Sec. pro tem.

* Mr G. W. Stewart was elected Monthly Reporter for March.

Mason Library Feb. 25' 1856

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr Kehoe. On motion, the Secretary of the last meeting was elected to fill the place of the regular Secretary during his absence. The roll was called and the following members found absent: Messrs. Paine, Hodge, & H. Tatem. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The following members were excused for absence at the last meeting: Burtis, Hansen, Manning, McElheney, Pearse, Taylor, Renz. The Annual Report was read - that on Public Morals by Mr. Taylor, Romish Church by Mr. Brodhead and Infidelity by Mr. McElheney. On motion the reports were acted upon seperately. On the question as to the reception of the report on Public Morals, Mr Davis moved that the clause offering to the President of the U.S. be stricken out. Mr. Powell moved as an amendment that the latter pt. of the clause be stricken out. At the suggestion of the Chairman the original motion took precedence and was carried. The report as amended was adopted. The report on the Romish Ch. was adopted. On the question as to the reception of the report on Infidelity, Mr. Mills moved an amendment which was carried, and the report as amended adopted. On motion the question chosen for discussion was passed over. Interesting information concerning the Romish Ch. was presented by Mr Gordon. The report of the Com. on Questions was accepted. The same question as that selected for this evg's debate was chosen for the next meeting. Mr. Renz was elected Annual Essayist for September.* The Com. then adjourned. Prayer by Mr. Willard.

J. R. Gayley Chm.
Aug. Brodhead Secy.

* On motion, the acting Secty was empowered to take the place of the regular Secty in all his official duties.

Mason Library March 31 1856

The Committee met and was opened with Prayer by Mr. Howe. In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Taylor was elected Chm. pro tem. The roll was called and the following members found absent. Gayley, Hodge, Wells, J. H. Nixon, Willard, Thompson. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr. Crane was excused for absence. Mr. A. G. Scrimton was elected a member of the Committee. On motion Mr. Stewart was excused from reading the Monthly Report on the ground of his expected absence from the Seminary at this time. The question for the Exg. was discussed by Messrs Reuz, Lewis & Kehoe on the affirmative and by Messrs Powell and Pearse on the Negative. The debate was of such an interesting character that at the end of the hour allowed for it, on motion, the time was extended indefinitely. The following question was chosen for the next meeting. Resolved: That the Prohibitory Liquor Law is favorable to morality.

Mr. Stewart was elected Reporter for April.

On motion the Committee adjourned. Prayer by Mr. Lewis.

A. A. Edward Taylor Chm.

Aug. Brodhead Secy.

Mason Library, April 28th 1856.

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr Towle. The roll was called and the following members found absent: Broadhead, Burtis, Fike, Hedge, Jemison & G. Nixon. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Mr McLaren was elected a member of the Committee. The monthly report failed. On motion of Mr Pease, the discussion of the question was postponed until the next meeting. Mr Mills communicated valuable information concerning the Roman Catholic Church in South America. The following elections then took place:

Reporter for September—Mr. C. W. Stewart.
Chairman of the Committee Mr Kehor.
Recording Secretary Mr Broadhead.

A vote of thanks was returned to the retiring officers of the Committee, for their fidelity in the performance of their duties. Appropriate and interesting remarks were made by Messrs. Lewis, Mills and Pease. On motion the Committee adjourned. Prayer by Mr Gayley.

D. R. Gayley, Chairman
E. Ferrier Secretary.

Members during Session 1855–56.—

Alexander. H. S.
Brodhead Aug.
Burtis I. K.
Farrier Edsall
Fair L. S.
Gayley S. R.
Gordon J. Smith
Hodge J. A.
House Wm.
Jennison J. F.
Kehor J. L.
Lewis J. W.
Manning Robert S.
McElheiney Saml.
Mills Charles R.
Nixon Geo.
Nixon J. H.
Pearse J. Lansing
Powell Walter
Reig Rudolph A.
Saunders A. G.
Stewart C. W.
Taylor A. A. C.
Thompson J. C.

Willard Henry 25

Reporters.—

September	No Report
October	Fair
November	McElheiney
December	No Report
January	Nixon Geo.
February	Taylor. Brodhead. McElheiney Asst. Rep.
March	No Report.
April	No Report.

Oratory Sept. 29. 1856.

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Fenner. The Chairman of the Com. not having returned to the Seminary Mr. House was elected Chm. for Com. The roll was called and the following members found absent: Nelson, Powell. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. On motion the excuses for members absent at the last meeting of the Com. were not called for. The Monthly Report was read by Mr. Stewart. After the adoption of several amendments, the report was rejected in order that the reporter might prepare another report for the Soc. of Inquiry.

The regular question for debate was discussed by Mr. Simonton on the Aff. and Mr. Stewart on the Neg. Interesting information was given by Messrs. Stewart, Simonton and Curtis.

On motion a special meeting of the Com. was ordered on Tuesday Ev'g. after prayer in order to hear the Monthly Report. A Com. of three Messrs Taylor Simonton & Curtis were elected to select a question for the next Ev'g. meeting of the Com. and to report at the Sp. meeting. On motion; the same Com. were instructed to report upon the practicability of changing the time of the meeting of the Com. or that its Monthly Report might be made to the Board of Managers of the Soc. of Inquiry. Messrs Fenner, McLaren

and Taylor were elected the Com. on Questions for the year. Messrs. Nixon, Simonton and Thompson were elected Annual Reporters. Messrs A. C. Alexander, R. Alexander and Cowhick were elected members of the Com. Mr. House was elected Chairman of the Com. until the return of Mr. Kehoe. Mr. McElheny at his own request was permitted to withdraw from the Committee. Mr. Curtis was elected Monthly Repr. for October. Adjourned with prayer by Mr Thompson.

Wm. House Chm.
Aug. Brodhead Sec.

Oratory Sept. 30. 1856

The Com. met pursuant to adjournment. Mr House in the Chair. * The Special Com. on Question for the next regular debate reported. The following question was adopted for discussion at the next meeting:
Is the circulation of the N.Y. Tribune aside from Politics injurious to the cause of Religion

* The Monthly Report was read and adopted.

The same Com. reported that any change of the time of the Committee's meeting would involve an amendment of the Constitution whereupon it was, Resolved: That the Special Com. be continued to report upon this subject at the next regular meeting of the Committee

Adjourned

Wm. House Chm.
Aug. Brodhead Secty.

Oratory Oct. 27, 1876

The Com. met and was opened with prayer by Mr. McLaren. The roll was called and the following members found absent. Fair, House + A.A.C. Taylor. The minutes of last meeting were read and amended as follows, viz, In the twelfth line from the top, striking out the word "rejected" and inserting the words "not adopted". The absentees from the last meeting presented satisfactory excuses. Messrs Davis, Little, Lowe and W. Howell Taylor were elected members of the Com. The Monthly Report was read by Mr. Butler and adopted. At this stage of the proceedings the Com. adjourned to the Alexander Chapter Room. The Com. then passed to Miscellany when the Spl. Com. appointed to report concerning the policy of changing the time of meeting, reported that it was not expedient to make any change. The Constitution was read, after wh. the Com. returned to the order of selection of question, when the following question was selected for the next regular debate: Should Roman Catholic countries receive the special attention of Missionaries. Mr. A. C. Alexander was elected Monthly Reporter for November. The Com. then returned to the order of debate when the question for the evg. was discussed by Messrs Thompson, Brodhead, Comstock and Alexander N.C. on the affirmative and by Mr. McLaren appointed by the Chair in place of Mr. A.A.C. Taylor, on the Negative. Messrs Swinton and Taylor W.H. made remarks upon the question. The Com. then adjourned. Prayer by Mr. Swinton.

John L. Kehoe Chm.

Aug. Brodhead Secty.

Alexander Class Room Nov. 24 1856.

The Com. met and was opened with prayer by Mr. H. C. Alexander. The Roll was called and the following members found absent: R. Alexander, Horner, Faire, Little, Power & W. H. Taylor. The minutes were read and amended by adding Mr. Lee's name to the list of members elected. Mr. House was excused for absence at the last meeting. Messrs. Leighton, Acorr, Post, C. Clarke and Cunningham were on motion elected members of the Committee. The Monthly Report was read by Mr. H. C. Alexander and adopted. The Question selected at the last meeting of the Com. was discussed. Affirmative: Messrs H. C. Alexander, McLaren, Post & Lee. Neg: Messrs Powell (in place of the regular disputant) Scrimton, House, Banks and Brodhead. The following question was selected for the next debate: "Should the Am. Bible Society publish an edition of the Douay Bible for circulation among the Roman Catholics of our Country." Mr. Scrimton was elected Monthly Reporter for December. The Com. then adjourned. Prayer by Mr House.

John S. Nelson Chm.
Alex. Brodhead Secty.

Alexander Class Room Jany. 26'87

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. House. Upon calling the roll the following members were found absent: Curtis, Cunningham, Davies, Dower, Doerr, Singleton. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Messrs Fernier, Finis and W.H. Taylor were excused for absence at the last meeting. Messrs Baker and Jackson were elected members of the Committee. The report was read by Mr. Swinton (A.G.). The reporter not having Completed his report it was resolved that the remainder of the report be read at an adjourned meeting of the Com. The question of the evening was then discussed Mr. Fernier was appointed Disputant on the affirmative in the absence of Mr. Curtis and was followed by Messrs Clarke (Chas.) Taylor and McLaren on the negative. Messrs. Gordon & W.H. Taylor communicated interesting information, the former concerning reported conflicts of the Roman Guard of the town, the latter concerning the Protestant Cause in Paris. The following question was chosen for discussion at the next meeting viz: Has character of Romanism been improved by Reformation?

Mr. W.H. Taylor was elected Reporter for March. The Com. then adjourned. Prayer by Mr. Clarke.

John L. Nelson Chm
Aug. Brodbeck Sec.

Feby 2:87. The Com. met at the call of the Chm. when the Monthly Report was adopted.—

In the absence of Chm. Mr. Burtis was elected Chm. pro tem.

Oratory Feb. 23' 1857.

The Committee met at the usual time and was opened with prayer by Mr. R. C. Alexander. The roll was called and the minutes read and adopted. Messrs. Cunningham, Lower, and Singleton.

The Annual Report was read: Public Morals by Mr. Nixon, Romish Church by Mr. Thompson and Infidelity by Mr. A. G. Saunders. The report was adopted and ordered to be read before the Society of Inquiry.

The Secretary being obliged to leave Mr. R. C. Alexander was appointed Secty. pro tem.

The question for the ex. was discussed by Messrs. Cornick and Cunningham.

The following question was chosen for discussion at the next meeting

Resolved: That the publication of the details of crime is prejudicial to morality.

The Com. adjourned with prayer by Mr. A. A. Taylor.

J. D. Burtis Chm. pro tem
Aug. Broadhead Secty.

Oratory March 31 1857.

The Committee met and was opened with prayer by Mr. Jackson. The roll was called and the Minutes of the last meeting read and approved. The Monthly Report was read by Mr. H. Howell Taylor and accepted.

On Motion the debate was postponed till the next meeting of the Com.

It was moved and seconded that the absentees at this meeting should not be reported as the Com. met at another hour than usual.

Mr. B. Alexander was elected Monthly Reporter for April.

The Com. then adjourned with prayer by Mr. Swigler

S. L. Kehoe Chm.
Aug. Brodhead Sec.

Oratory Apl. 28/55

The Committee met at the usual hour. In the absence of the Chairman Mr Sorrell was called to the Chair. Prayer was offered by Mr. Little. The roll was called and the following members found absent: Messrs A. Alexander Lee and A. A. Taylor. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.
On motion the Committee passed to election of Officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Acton was elected Chairman and Mr. Lowe Sec.
On returning to the regular order it was moved and carried that the debate be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Com.
The monthly Report failed.
Mr. Cunningham was elected Monthly Reporter for September.
The Com. adjourned with prayer by Mr. Cunningham.

Walter Sorrell Chm. pro. tem
Aug. Bordhead Sec.

Members during Session 1856-57

Alexander H. C.
Alexander R
Baker L. C.
Birdhead Aug.
Burtis I. H.
Clarke Chs. R.
Corbick Thos. J.
Cunningham Wm.
Davies D. Owen
Fennier Edsall
Hair L. S.
Gordon I. Smith
House Wm.
Jackson Sheldon
Hehor L. L.
Lee H. F.
Little James
Lorrer I. Laney
M Laren Donald
Nixon Geo.
Noerr Moses
Post H. A.
Powell Walter
Simonton A. G.
Scigleton H. L.
Stewart C. N.
Taylor A. A. C.
Taylor N. H.

Thompson I. C.

Reporters

September — Stewart
October — Burtis
November — H. C. Alexander
January — A. G. Simonton
February — Nixon. Thompson. A. G. Simonton Asst
March — N. H. Taylor
April — Failed.

Oratory Monday Evening Sept. 28th 1857

Committee met at the usual time.
Prayer was offered by Mr. Clarke.
On calling the Roll the following members were found absent viz: H. C. Alexander R. Alexander, Cochick, Cunningham, Davies. Lee. Post, Simonton, & W. H. Taylor.
The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

On motion The excuses of Absentees of last meeting were passed over.

Mr. Cunningham - the monthly Reporter read his report, which was accepted upon Condition of Condensation.

The Question —
Resolved - That the publication of the details of Crime is prejudicial to Morality; was discussed in the affirmative by Mr. Clarke — instead of Davies absent; and Mr. Ferrier on the Negative. With some remarks from another member the Debate was closed.
The Question selected for next meeting is — "Is there any ground in scripture for the belief in the doctrine of an Intermediate state"?
To affirm Mr. Lee. deny Mr. Jackson.
On motion, passed to the next order of business
On motion, the rules requiring an election by Ballot was suspended; and Mr. Lee Elected Reporter for October, by Acclamation.

A Committee of three viz: Cunningham, Clarke, and Broadhead were elected to present Questions to the Com.

Motion passed to return to the 9th Rule of Exercises to Select Questions. Three Question of the Com. were accepted.

On motion Adjourned.

{ Chairman. George Nixon
{ Sec. J. Laney Lower

Oratory Monday Evening Oct. 26th 1857

Committee met according to appointment; and was opened with prayer by Mr. Little

On Calling the Roll the following members were found absent Viz: Alexander J. C. Alexander R., Clarke, Davies, Ferrier, Jackson Noer, Singleton, Taylor, Thompson.

Mr. Simonton was excused for absence last meeting.

Messrs Collier, Patterson, and Teitsworth were elected members.

Mr. Lee read his monthly Report, which was adopted

"The Question — Is there any ground in Scrip. for the belief in the doct. of an intermediate State? — was discussed in the Aff. by Mr. Lee. In the Neg. by Mr. Little appointed in absence of Mr. Jackson. With Speeches from other members the Debate was closed.

The Committee reported three Questions, which were received. On motion the 3d one was adopted — "Was the action of the ministers of Manchester N. H. in the Case of Theodore Parker Expedient"? Appointed as Debators in the Aff. Lower. Neg. Nixon. Mr. Little was Elected Reporter for Nov. Messrs Baker, Cawthorn and Cunningham were Elected Annual Reporters. Com. Adjourned

Nixon — Chairman
Lee

Oratory Nov. 30th 1857

Committee met, and was opened with prayer by Mr. Patterson. On calling the Roll were found absent—

Baker, Clarke, Collier, Davies, Lee, Noer, Simonton, Taylor, & Whitworth

The minutes of last meeting were adopted.

Excused for absence last meeting Alexander H. C. & Jackson. Not Excused Singleton & Thompson.

The following persons were elected members Viz: Cochrane, Gregory, Kugler, & Kerr.

Mr. Little read his his report, which was accepted, on motion that the Reports curtail it to the Constitutional time.

The Question "Was the action of the Ministers of Manchester N. H. in the case of Theodore Parker Expedient"? — Was discussed by the regular debators, and many others, & was closed.

On motion — the Art. requiring election by Ballot was suspended; & Mr. Cochrane was elected Reporter for next month by acclamation. On motion the resignation of Messers Cochrish and Cunningham as Annual Reporters was received and Messers Noer, & Patterson Elected in their stead.

The Committee proposed three questions, which were received. the first of which,

was adopted for discussion at the next meeting.
Question — Should the Bible, or prayer be excluded from our public schools to satisfy the prejudices of Roman Catholics, who aid in the support of such schools?"
Debators Noer & Patterson

Committee adjourned with prayer by Bro.

George Nixon Chair.
J. Laney Lower Sec.

Oratory Jan. 25th 1858.

Committee met & was opened with prayer by Dr. Kerr.

The Roll was called & the following members were absent - viz:

Alexander R. Clarke, Cunningham, Little, Noer & Patterson.

Minutes of last meeting were read & adopted.

Excused for absence Lee & Simonton

Reporter read his Report

Messers Smith & E. P. Wood were elected members of the Committee.

The Question - "Shall the Bible & prayer be excluded from our Public Schools to satisfy the prejudices of Roman Catholics, who did in support of such schools?" - was discussed by Kerr & Alexander H.C. in absence of the Regular Debators. The discussion was conducted with much interest by those appointed & others - & the further discussion deferred until next meeting.

Three other questions were handed in by the Committee, but the one mentioned was chosen.

On motion the rules for election by Ballot were suspended and Gregory was elected Reporter by acclamation.

On motion we returned to the head of Excuses. On motion adjourned.

Chairman Nixon. Sec. E. L. Lowe

Oratory March 29th 1858

Prayer by Jackson

Cunningham, Little, Patterson

R.M.- Excused for absence last meeting.

Minutes of last meeting adopted. Question

passed over by unanimous Consent.

Little nominated

for Chairman - by laws Suspended - Elected by

acclamation.

Cochrane, E. P. Wood, & S. H. Smith

Nominated for Secretary - Wood Elected.

Moved & seconded that

There be an Election for Annual Essayist - R.M. Patterson

elected by acclamation.

Moved that the Regular meeting

be on the 3d Monday instead of the 4th hereafter -

carried.

On motion Art. 4th Sec. 3d of Constitution

be altered by the insertion of words "without Excuse"

after the words absent himself.

Alexand H.C, Cochrane

Jackson, Simonton, Stuart took an affectionate

farewell of their associates. The out-going and

in-coming Chairman also made appropriate

remarks - Patterson followed. Wood also, &

Cochrane, Smith & Kugler. Kugler had no feelings

and so could not speak - however he was in-

duced to confess he had been to see the ladies, & so

was discomposed. Adjourned to September

Closed with Prayer by H.C. Alexander. Chair. G. Nixon. Sec. Pro

Members during the Session 1857–58

Alexander H. C.
Alexander R.
Baker L. C.
Broadhead Aug.
Clarke Chs R.
Coulick John F
Cunningham Wm
Collier
Davies D. Owen.
Ferrier Edsal
Jackson Sheldon
Lee H. F.
Little James
Lower J. Lamy
Nixon Leage
Noer Moses
Patterson R. M.
Post H. A.
Singleton H. L.
Simonton A. G.
Stewart C. N.
Taylor. W. H.
Teitsworth Wm T.
Thompson F. C.
Cochrane Wm
Gregory Daniel S.
Kugler Jno. B.
Kerr James W.
Smith S. H.
Wood E. T.

Reporters

Order of Exercises.

1. Open with prayer
2. Calling the Roll.
3. Reading the Minutes
4. Excuses to be rendered.
5. Election of New Members.
6. Reading the Report or Essay
7. Discussion of the Question
8. Information to be communicated
9. Selection of a question for next meeting.
10. Election of a Reporter.
11. Other Elections
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Adjournment with prayer.

Minutes

of the

Session 1858—1859

Oratory. Monday Evening
Sept. 20th 185-8

The Committee convened according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Mr. Lee. The roll being called, Messrs. Collier – Cochrane – Davies – Kerr – Lower – Patterson, R. M. – Smith, S. H. – Singleton absent. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & adopted. Calling for excuses omitted for the evening. The following gentlemen were elected members of this committee

Carter. J.	McElhiney
Carter. S.	Marshall
Chester	Prime
Finney	

No report – no appointment having been made. Question for debate on the next night of meeting

Is the relative power of Rom. Catholicism increasing in this country?

Aff. Gregory Neg. Lee

Reporter for next month – Mr. Kugler

Election of annual Orator deferred till next meeting – on motion of Mr. Lee – the by Laws being suspended.

The following gentlemen elected as a

committee on questions
Lee
Gregory
Kugler

Moved by Mr. Lee, that the Committee meet, as formerly, on the 4th Monday of the month.
Moved by Mr. Kugler that this be laid over carried
Moved (2) & carried (1) by Mr. Lee that there be an election now to meet the want of a reporter.
Nominated & elected ~~to write a Report to the Society of Inquiry for their next meeting~~

Pin. Mr. Davies.
Att. Mr. Smith.

Closed with prayer by Mr Gregory

James Little chairman

Edward P. Wood. Sec.

Oratory. Sept. 30th " 1858

an adjourned meeting to hear the Report. Opened with prayer by Mr. Davies.

Roll being called Messrs. Collier - Lower - Kerr - Gregory - Singleton - found absent.

The report was read by Mr. Smith. after some slight discussion adopted.

Closed with prayer by Mr. Patterson.

James Little - chairman

Edward P. Wood - Sec.

Oct 18 1858

Regular Meeting
Prayer by Mr Kerr.
Absent. Collier Lomer Patterson Smith.
Excused. Ken Rogers for previous absence
New Members Elected: Alexander Bissl
Dodd S. Dodd S.V.B. Elliott Gibson
Moore. D.V.
Report by McKeglen - approved -

Debate for next meeting
Is the R.C Church Christian

Aff Keglen Neg Kerr
Reporter Mr Prime - Monthly -
Reporter Annual for March next.
Davies on P Mard
Kerr " R C
Lee " Infidelity
Annual Essayist
Macalaney.
Time & regular meeting 3' Monday & Confirmed
Newly elected Officers of Society
Ken elected
Excused from forth attendance
Charles Patterson
Closely Prayer by S Carter.

Edward P Wood. James Little Ch
Secty.

Nov 25th 1858.

Comt met in Miller Recitation Room
Prayer by H F Lee.

Absent Lawton T S Lawton F. Davies
Finney Gregory Lamer Singleton Smith
Briggs Dodd S Dodd C B. Gibson.

New Members W H Hodges S O Lee.
I H Johns C E Hunt.

Essay was read by I McElroy Jr
and approved

Debate
Is the Roman Catholic Church
Christian?
Aff Kugler Neg Kerr.

Reporter for next Evening. E. P. Wood.
Question for debate next Evening.
Is the present phase of New England
Infidelity a reaction from the
Extreme of Puritanism?
Aff S O Lee. Neg Mac Kelway.

Copies of Constitution to be furnished
to Members.
Closed by prayer W Alexander.

Minutes approved Dec 2nd 1858.

J W Kerr Secty. I Little Ch

Regular Meeting Dec 20th 58

Oratory 7 o'clock.

Prayer by Mr Carter

Absent Messrs: Alexander Elliott & Cusid Johns Moore

New Members F. Barnes.

Report by E. P. Wood. Accepted

Debate on the Question Is the present form of U.S. Infidelity the result of reaction from Extreme Puritanism?

Aff Neg:

So Dec Absent MacElway

W Dec Appointed

Reporter pro Tem Gilmer

Question Ought Orthodox Christians to meet their opponents on the lecture system.

Aff Dr Wilson. Neg Singleton.

Meeting Closed by Prayer F. A. Hodge.

Dr Stuart Secty.

Little Adm

Regular Meeting.
Jany 17th 1859.

Meeting opened by Prayer Alexander
Absent Davis Elliot Hart Smith
Report by Exam accepted
Question Platform system
Aff Moore Neg Alexander

Reports in March.
Question Annual Davis H. Lee, Kerr
Can annitarium be saved?
Aff Alexander Neg Biggs.

Prayer by Sayward

B. B. Kerr Sec'y. Edith Chm

Regular Meeting
July 2, at 1859.

Prayer by Johns
Absentees Briggs Carter S.T. Carter T. Dodd S.B.
Elliott Gregory. Gibson. Hart
Hodge W.H. Hughes. Lee H.
McElroy. Prime. Ward E.P.
Report Davies Faith
" Holden Faith
" Wm Cr. Romanism Read
Debate Can a Unitarian be saved
Aff Alx Neg Bigs

Report for March Alexander
Debate Ought Prot to require R C Servants
to attend Family Worship
Aff S T Carter Neg Dodd. S.B.
Names reported to B of managers for
absence & meetings
Lower Firing. S. Dodd. Singleton.
Prayer. Adjourned.
Ken Secty. J Leitch Chm

Regular Meeting
March 21st

Prayer by Davies
Absentees T Carter S.T. Carter S B Dodd
Hart Johns. Rugher Lee H 7 Moore Dr
~~Laine~~ Elwood R.P. : Present 8 = 18.
Excused Davies Briggs Elliott Gibson Hodge McElway
Report Read by Alexander & adpt.

Debate Ought Presb. to require R C Servts
to attend Family worship.
Carter absent Davis apt off
S B Dodd " Elliott " Neg

Elections
Annual Reporter Dec 59. Alexander
" Essayist March 60 Hodge pro.

Chairman for 59-60. D McKerr
Secretary " 59-60 McElway.

Monthly Reporter for Sept & Oct 59 M Bissell
Debate: Ought Presb to attempt dissuasion R C
Servants from attendance on their Church
Services? Aff Hart Neg Johns

Prayer by Mr Hart

D Mac Lachy

D Little
Chairman

September 30th, 1859

The Committee met and was opened by prayer by Rev. E. P. Wood.
Appointees — Briggs, L.D. Carter, L. Carter, J. B. Todd, Gregory, Lieut. Hodges, Primm, Smith.
Rev. E. P. Wood was excused for non-attendance at the last meeting.
Mr. L. Addison Davy was elected a member of the committee.
On motion, it was carried that the minutes be suspended till the next meeting.
On motion, it was carried that the committee petition the County Court to be allowed to change its title to "the Polemic Committee."
On motion, it was carried that the Secretary be appointed a committee to present the petition.
The resignation of Dr. Kerr, as President of the Committee was accepted, and Rev. E. P. Wood elected in his stead.
On motion, it was carried that the third Friday evening of each month be chosen for the regular meeting of the Committee. Committee adjourned, after prayer by the Chairman, till the next regular meeting.

L. McKelway Jr.
Secretary

L. A. Reed
Chairman